

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1056

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Stella Campbell upon her selection as Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year for grades K-4 and Field Service Region Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Stella Campbell is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity during her illustrious tenure at Byrns Darden Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Campbell has recently been selected as the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year for grades K-4 at Byrns Darden Elementary School and Field Service Region Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding career as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Stella Campbell has been a classroom teacher for more than thirty-six years, including twenty-seven years of service at Byrns Darden; she has enjoyed a uniquely varied career as a teacher in rural, urban, and in border schools, with students of many races, nationalities, socio-economic and experiential backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Campbell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics at Berea College before obtaining an additional bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and a master's degree from Austin Peay State University, both in Elementary Education; and

WHEREAS, she began her outstanding teaching career as a Home Economics teacher in Kentucky, Japan, and later, in Texas, where she taught Science, Social Studies, and served as a Cooperating Education Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, from 1977 to 1980, Ms. Campbell taught fifth grade at Frankfurt American Elementary in Frankfurt, Germany, and she began her exemplary tenure at Byrns Darden in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Stella Campbell currently serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students at Byrns Darden as a first grade teacher, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the education community, Stella Campbell has held membership in a number of professional organizations, including the Tennessee Reading Association, which she served as the 2001-2002 Treasurer of the Fall Conference and the State Leadership Conference; the Mid-Cumberland Reading Council, which she served as Secretary and Committee Chairperson from 1988-1991, the Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which she served as Committee Chairperson from 1988-1990; she is also a member of the National Educators Association, Tennessee Educators Association, Clarksville-Montgomery County Educators Association, and several estimable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Campbell has shared her vast wealth of professional experience and knowledge with her fellow teachers as a presenter at numerous conferences and as a supervising teacher of student teachers; moreover, she served as Chair of the Tennessee School Improvement Plan Committee, Team Leader of the second and third grades at Byrns Darden Elementary, and Team Member of Byrns Darden School Level Committees; and

WHEREAS, she has received a number of awards and accolades recognizing her superb teaching talents, such as the Dolphin Award in 1996, a listing in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* in 1992 and 1994, and being selected as the Building Teacher of the Year at Byrns Darden Elementary School in 2003 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Campbell has given unreservedly of herself to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; she has served as a free tutor for students of low income families, taught summer school, volunteered in a reading enrichment program,

contributed to the Books for Babies program, served as a judge for Odyssey of the Mind tournaments and in the Celebrate Literacy program, and helped provide clothing, food, and guidance to students who are in need; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon her, Stella Campbell still finds time to lend her amazing talents to such notable causes as the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Stella Campbell epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Stella Campbell on being named Clarksville-Montgomery County School System Teacher of the Year for grades K-4 at Byrns Darden Elementary School and Field Service Region Tennessee Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Clarksville and Montgomery County, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.